

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, the Examiner has objected to Claim 7 because of insufficient antecedent basis for the term “said transport belt (1)”. Also, Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. By this paper, the term “transport belt (1)” in Claim 7 has been given proper antecedent basis and is now recited in a manner so as to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicants regard as the invention. As such, it is respectfully submitted that this objection/rejection no longer applies, and should now be removed.

Further, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 9, and 10 under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Rohde et al., and has rejected Claims 2-5 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rohde et al. in view of Farnand et al. The Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 6-8 and 11-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, Claims 6-8 and 11 have been amended to more particularly point out that which Applicants regard as the invention by being rewritten in independent form. Moreover, by this paper, Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend from amended independent Claim 6. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 6-8 and 11, and Claims 3, 4, and 12-20 dependent thereon, which are the claims remaining in this Application, are now allowable.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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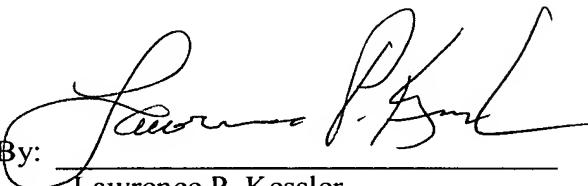
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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